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ENGLISH LANGUAGE SAUDI REVIEW FOR OCTOBER 3 CARRIES REPORT CONCERNING DESALTING TECHNOLOGY TALKS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON. ITEM BEGIN QUOTE PRINCE MOHAMED AL FAISAL, GOVERNOR OF THE SALINE WATER CONVERSION CORPORATION, LEFT FOR WASHINGTON YESTERDAY AT THE HEAD OF A SAUDI DELEGATION TO DISCUSS TOMORROW WITH THE WATER AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH OFFICE OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE KINGDOM, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BY THE JOINT SAUDI-AMERICAN COMMISSION. DISCUSSIONS IN THE MEETING WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE PREPARATION OF A FINAL DRAFT FOR THE AGREEMENT TO COVER THE START OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TWO IMPORTANT PROJECTS:

FIRST: A PROJECT CONNECTED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BIG UNITS
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WITH A PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 250 THOUSAND CUBIC METERS

OF WATER EACH. THE UNITS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AND OPERATED AFTER THE END OF THE THIRD FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1980-1984).

SECOND: CONSTRUCTION OF A RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE RELATED TO THE WATER DESALINATION TECHNOLOGY, AIMED AT THE CREATION OF NATIONAL TRAINED MEN WHO CAN UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FOLLOWING UP THE CONTINUOUS ADVANCEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF DESALINATION AND THE ACQUISITION OF THE BEST METHODS FOR WATER CLEANING.

FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, PRINCE MOHAMED AL FAISAL WILL LEAVE FOR MEXICO TO REPRESENT THE KINGDOM IN THE FIRST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD THERE ON DESALINATION DURING THE PERIOD FALLING BETWEEN OCTOBER 25 AND 29.

THE DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING PRINCE MOHAMED INCLUDES SAYED YUSEF AL AQEEL, VICE GOVERNOR FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS, AND A NUMBER OF OFFICIALS FROM THE SALINE WATER CONVERSION CORPORATION. END QUOTE.

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